

Richards-Rawlings House
CE-912
Near Richardsmere
Private

1899

J. T. Richards is permanently recorded as the builder of this two story ell shaped frame house on Connelly Road just north of Route 1. The 1899 datestone is set into the west side of the foundation wall. This late 19th century farmhouse is representative of the various asymmetrical_x house types introduced in the third quarter of the century. It was not until the final year of the century that such a house was built in the 8th Election District.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Richards House

AND/OR COMMON

Rawlings Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Corner of Route 1 and Connelly Road

CITY, TOWN

Porter's Bridge

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Paul Rawlings

Telephone #: 658-5058

STREET & NUMBER

Connelly Road

CITY, TOWN

Porter's Bridge

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21918

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Richards-Rawlings House c. 1899 is a 2½ story L-plan frame house located on the corner of Connelly Road and Route 1. The house is perched on a small knoll and faces west. The front gable runs north/south, while the T extension runs perpendicular to it.

The front block is 2 bays across by one room deep. The back of the house was built in two stages, the first 3 bays with the front block, and the last two were an addition. A side porch (south end of front section) was closed - in by the present owners.

The house rests on an uncoursed stone foundation and is covered with aluminum siding. The slate roof is of a medium pitch. The eaves on the roof are extended with the soffits left open.

The facade is two bays across. There are two windows on each floor including the basement. Located between the basement windows is a datestone with the date 1899 and the name, J. T. Richards.

The south facade is partially covered with the front porch. 6/6 sash windows are located on the second floor as well as the attic level. The south facade of the T-addition is basically plain with 6/6 sash windows and plain trim. A gabled dormer with 6/6 sash is found on the addition roof. It also has extended eaves and open soffits. A central chimney rises out of this section of the house.

The east gable end has a single entrance into the kitchen. Basement access is found on the north side.

The interior has been somewhat remodeled. The interior plan has been altered with the removal of a few walls.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1899

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

J. T. RICHARDS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The architectural significance of this house is primarily associated with the 1899 datestone, thus firmly established the date of the structure as well as the stylistic details. The house is one of many ~~that was~~ built during the late 19th century when the area was settled on a larger scale, and some of the larger farms divided. The house retains its 19th century appearance even though it has been aluminum sided. The barn buildings associated with the house also add to the 19th century appearance and its continual operation as a farm.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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DATE

9/29/78

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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MARYLAND

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CONOWINGO MD / PA.

QUAD

Rock Springs

BM 535

New Valley Sch

Porters Grove Ch

OCF-912

BM 690

Gaging Sta
Richardsmere

Conowingo Ch

BM 294

Conowingo (PO)

Kilby Corner

Conowingo Sta

BM 51

OCTORARO

Rowlandsville

4396

42'30"

4395

4394

(RISING SUN)
5763 II NE

4393

4392

40'

4391



RICHARDS HOUSE
CONOWINGO, MD
SOUTH ELEVATION

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RICHARDS House
CONOWINGO, Maryland
DATE STONE

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